

**3 new Bimbining Pilipinas winners are crowned**

**Blast hits Arroyo building in Makati**

**US Congress intervenes to keep Florida woman alive**

**Visible mysteries in a dim career**

**Gov't plans to borrow against OFW remittances**



# PSE directors elect first nonbroker chair

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez  
Bureau

THE PSE first time in the history of the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), a woman was elected to the board of directors. It is the first time a woman has been elected to the board of directors of the PSE.

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# Ex-world boxing champ knocked out in GenSan

By Angeles T. Zende  
PSE Philippines Bureau

GENSAN, ILOILO CITY—Olivie was off his feet after a knockout punch by Mexican fighter Luis Morales in Las Vegas after being knocked out in GenSan.

# Head cut dooms RP idol

## Bloodied Pacquiao concedes defeat to Mexico's Morales

By Raul Tumbales

LAS VEGAS—Ferdinand "Manny" Pacquiao was not a display of guts and skill. Money Pacquiao seemed to all out, got bloodied and lost on points by unanimous decision.

But the big winners were the promoters who yesterday looked forward to a rematch between the two prizefighters from later this year.

All three judges gave the fight to Morales with an unusual two-point edge (115-114). The Mexican fighter was the winning two-unanimous decision in a five-round bout that had the crowd yelling for more. (More story on page A24.)

But the fight looked close only because of the blood and fury.

Morales showed up at his last match on the day after he was hit by another man in a fight in the Philippines. He was hit in the head and lost his teeth.

The heavily favored Pacquiao, dressed in his signature red, orange, and blue jumpsuit, did not jumpstart but acted the last day when he ragged Morales with heavy blows to take the opening round.

Pacquiao provided the most spectacular moments when he caught Morales with big lefts that drew blood and broke other fights of men still to be fought.

But in a fight expected not to last the 12-round drama, Morales, with his right eye, and took the fastest blow, while crying of his own, to take control of the fight and victory.

Morales, who was hit in the eye, would appear to have won, but he decided to take the risk and went back to beat the crowd round to show he could take the fight.



**FIGHTING SPIRIT** Bloodied after an accidental headbutt, Filipino boxing hero Manny Pacquiao (left) left the loss of Mexican Gili Morales in their super featherweight bout at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Morales won by unanimous decision after 12 rounds.

# Slain cop a hero in hometown

By Leonida Balaguer  
PSE Philippine Bureau and Fe Zamora in Manila

LAOAG, ILOCOS SUR—He seemed as full of life, as he was full of spirit, when he came home from his last fight in a match that his father once won. It was his last fight, and he was a hero in his hometown.

He looked very happy and full of energy then—a far cry from the last time he was seen in his hometown.

"I would have been a policeman if I had the chance," said the father, who was looking at his son with a smile.

The 23-year-old cop, who was killed in a traffic accident, was a hero in his hometown.

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# GMA, rebs, street folk unite to cheer, grieve

**PHILIPPINES**—A group of people, including GMA, rebs, and street folk, united to cheer and grieve for the late Ferdinand Marcos. The group was led by the late Ferdinand Marcos, who was a hero in his hometown.

The group was led by the late Ferdinand Marcos, who was a hero in his hometown. They were all united in their grief and joy.



**READY FOR PROCESSION** Preparing the "Carroza" for the Holy Week procession is a tradition in the town of San Juan, Ilocos. The "Carroza" is a large structure that carries the image of Jesus Christ and is used in the Holy Week processions.

# The healing touch of Fr. Momoy

By Dr. Francis C. Aranda  
PSE Philippine Bureau

GENSAN, ILOILO CITY—He has the healing touch.

Every Friday he has a large crowd of sick people who come to him for healing. He is a priest in the town of Gensan, Iloilo.

He is a priest in the town of Gensan, Iloilo. He has the healing touch. Every Friday he has a large crowd of sick people who come to him for healing.

# Bush stokes anti-US feelings anew

By Amanda Ocasio

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush's speech during his five-day trip to a foreign land has been a source of controversy.

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# 'Field of Faith' offers solitude, rosary garden

By Corby S. Balas Gubala

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WASHINGTON—A new garden in the heart of the city offers a place of solitude and reflection. It is a garden of faith and hope.



A PRAYER garden in the heart of the city offers a place of solitude and reflection.



# GenSan blast suspect nabbed in Sarangani

**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Sarangani police on Tuesday arrested a suspect in the Dec. 12 bombing of the public bus lot here which killed 18 people and wounded 29 others.

Sgt. Elmer Villanueva, Sarangani police chief, said Andy Badiang, 41 years old, Gen. Sarangani, was nabbed as he exited his car on the strength of a witness

of crime based on witness's story.

Badiang was facing multiple murder charges and multiple attempted murder charges in GenSan City. It was not known whether charges would be made with

Sarangani and Badiang was also allegedly involved in various crimes like car piracy and highway robbery in Sarangani.

The said car-based charges had been filed as part of police action against Badiang in connection with the Dec. 12 public bus lot bombing here.

Badiang was turned over to the GenSan and Sarangani City police (remained) for the investigation.

"It's up to the city police to file the necessary charges after a full investigation

done," Villanueva said.

The department filed with a briefing report to Philippine National Police headquarters in Manila by regional commander. He said that Badiang was charged for being an alleged member of the regional New People's Liberation Front (NPLF). — Agence France Press, PNA, Manila Bureau, AP





# Roxas: Probe bank fees charged OFWs

## RP sea marshals draw Australia, NZ interest

By TJ BURGOS

SEN. MARK ROXAS wants banks investigated for allegedly imposing excessive charges on the dollar remittances of millions of overseas Filipino workers.

Chairman of the Senate committee on trade and economics, and presiding the Senate probe would seek to craft legislation to protect overseas workers from "excessive charges."

He cited a local bank that paid just \$6 for each remittance received through a subsidiary in the United States.

"Assuming the OFW account and funds transactions at least once a month, at \$6 for each remittance, over 12 months, he or she would have spent a total of \$72 [or P4,000], which is equivalent to 18 days' minimum wage loss," Roxas said in a statement.



ROXAS

In Resolution 246, Roxas, who also chairs the committee on economic affairs, said the Senate would inquire into "possible as to excessive" fees could improve the efficiency of remittance, for

the competition and bring down the cost of sending money home to the Philippines.

"The bulk of remittance is sent by low-income families—most two-thirds of our OFWs come from the provinces. We must ensure that any OFWs and their families are getting the full value of their money," he said.

Roxas believes there is still "room for a reduction in fees" without eroding the profitability of companies that engaged in the remittance business "combining the advances in technology."

Fostering the efficiency of remittance, he said, would not only translate into higher income for Filipino families, but allow the government "to accelerate" such remittance in achieving its socio-economic development goals.

Remittance by overseas workers are the country's second

biggest source of foreign exchange used to produce exports.

Annual OFW remittance had risen to \$6.5 billion in 2004 from \$3.85 billion in 1995, making the country the third-largest recipient of migrant remittance behind India and Mexico, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

At the Special Summit of the Association of Monetary Nations, in August 2004, considering the serious imbalance caused by a 30-percent reduction in the cost of remittance by 2008, according to Paris.

The finance and central bank chiefs of the Group of Seven—the US, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan—met in April 2004 to work on initiatives "to reduce barriers that cause the cost of sending remittance" and long-term remittance services to the formal financial sector, he said.

By Lilia B. Salasoria

THE COUNTRY'S new-aid Task Force for Maritime, which was put in place after the SuperFerry 14 incident last year, has attracted international attention.

Representatives from the seafaring nations of Australia and New Zealand expressed interest in the six-man task force that the Philippine Coast Guard had implemented to prevent seafarer deaths in port calls, incidents and ships, according to Commodore Wilfredo Tanay of the PCC's National Capital Region-Central Command.

Tanay said the representatives met with him last month to inquire about the system and to discuss a possible joint exercise involving the country's Coast Guard personnel.

They saw the relevance of the

own standards in maritime services," he told the bureau. "They wanted to put whatever is applicable to them. They also offered assistance. (The discussion) was made on the cooperation in the fight against terrorism."

Tanay said it would be through working PCC officials who would finalize any agreement between the two countries and the Philippines.

The PCC was disappointed by the incident as the local agency is working ships in the country after the sinking of the SuperFerry 14 in February last year, from the formation of the Task Force Sea Marshals.

According to Tanay, the sea marshals have become relevant because of the jurisdiction after the 4-11 seaman strike which took off almost immediate seafarers.





# Bush stokes ...

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nated John Bolton, the ultra-hardliner undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, as the US ambassador to the United Nations. Bolton has attracted international attention as a "UN basher."

The nominations came as a shock in view of the fact that both persons are seen as arch-conservatives in the Bush administration. Together with US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Vice President Richard Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Richard Perle, Wolfowitz and Bolton form the core of the second Bush administration's team of defense and foreign policy.

The nomination of Wolfowitz raised questions not only about his suitability as World Bank chief, but was also viewed as a fresh assertion of Bush's attempts to reinforce US hegemonic tendencies in foreign policy with control of World Bank policies.

## 'Skilled diplomat'

Although Bush described Wolfowitz as "a compassionate, decent man" with "good experience" in managing large organizations and "a skilled diplomat," his accolades failed to allay misgivings over whether Wolfowitz's nomination would mean overturning Wolfensohn's accent on alleviating global poverty as the bank's key policy priority.

Wolfensohn has acquired a reputation for having a humanist streak, aside from having brought to the bank considerable experience in international banking and investments.

Under Wolfensohn, the World Bank undertook a strong anticorruption campaign among developing countries, using transparency in governance as a condition to the extension of low-interest loans to countries seeking financial aid. The bank has aided an ongoing anticorruption program in the Philippines.

The BBC reported that there was "cool response" to Wolfowitz's nomination in Europe. According to the report, French and German ministers had expressed "faint praise," while Sweden's foreign minister said she was skeptical about the nomination. "The nomination in old Europe is not exactly overwhelming," the minister said.

Germany, which, together with France, strongly opposed the US invasion of Iraq, saw the nomination as a reassertion of the unilateralist tendencies of American foreign policy. Germany's development minister said "they were supposed to consult us and there was no consultation."

## Questioned

The Independent newspaper in London questioned Wolfowitz's credentials. It said: "The Pentagon does not naturally recommend itself as a nursery for World Bank executives, least of all the Pentagon of George Bush, and Donald Rumsfeld. Nor does Mr. Wolfowitz himself seem qualified for the role. His main experience of the less developed world was as spell as ambassador to Indonesia a long time ago."

A Financial Times analyst, Adam Posen, said Wolfowitz would be effective in pursuing US foreign policy goals heading the World Bank than staying in the Pentagon.

It was the fact that Wolfowitz's nomination came after Bolton's nomination that unsettled the Europeans who were skeptical that Bush's reconciliation trip to Europe in February had meant a softening of the US unilateral foreign policy.

In view of the fact that Bolton has been a harsh critic of the United Nations, his nomination as ambassador to the world body raised questions about the sincerity of Bush's "charm offensive" in Europe.

"Bolton followed by Wolfowitz sounds like a declaration of war," the French commentator, Nicole Cacharan, said. "And if not that, a declaration of contempt."

Clare Short, Britain's former development secretary, told Channel 4 News that Bush's action was the equivalent of sticking up "two fingers to the world. This is really shocking. It's as though they are trying to wreck our international systems."

Bolton's visage and harsh criticism of the United Nations lend themselves to the strong perception that Bush has nominated him to spite the world body rather than to repair Washington's already tattered relations with the international organization.

## Grouchy-looking

A grouchy-looking man, Bolton wears a brush moustache, the signature ensemble of American military leaders dispatched to lead American expeditionary forces in Cuba and in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war, a time when the United States was intoxicated with its first whiff of imperial conquest.

If one reviews the London Illustrated Weekly of America's expeditions at the turn of the 19th century, one will find that Bolton's ferocious-looking image fits into the gallery of American warriors during the heydays of America's empire-building.

Journalists covering the US Department of State report that Bolton keeps a model handgrenade in his office and they have never explained why he does this. They recall his work on the 1991 repeal of a UN General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism as a career highlight.

Among those disturbed by Bolton's nomination was Democratic Sen. John Kerry who lost to Bush in the 2004 election. "Why would (President Bush) choose someone who has expressed such disdain for working with our allies?" Kerry said.

Bolton's scathing criticism of the United Nations has scarcely been concealed, and it contradicts the recommendation of Rice that she and Bush had asked Bolton to do this work "because we know how to get things done," which, according to critics, includes wrecking the world body.

She said Bolton was "personally committed" to the United Nations' success and had a "proven track record of effective multilateralism."

## Comments on UN

Here are some of the more memorable pronouncements of Bolton on the United Nations.

On the UN bureaucracy: "The (UN) Secretariat building in New York has 38 stories. If it lost 10 stories, it wouldn't make a bit of difference."

On US arrears to the United Nations in 1998: "Many Republicans in Congress not only do not care about losing the General Assembly vote but actually see it as a 'make my day' outcome. (It) will simply provide further evidence to many why nothing more should be paid to the UN system."

Bolton's nomination came in the midst of negotiations for a program of reform to be put to the General Assembly in September and followed unsuccessful attempts by the Bush administration to oust Kofi Annan as UN secretary general over alleged corruption in the management of UN oil for food program in Iraq.

# Ex-world boxing ...

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went down in shame.

Rolando Navarrete, a former World Boxing Council junior lightweight champion, lost to a woman, who took just a single shot to knock him out.

On Saturday, at past 9 a.m., Navarrete engaged his neighbor, Jennifer Abellanosa, in an argument over a trivial matter in Laray Bagsakan, a drop-off point for farm goods.

As tempers flared, Navarrete, nicknamed the "Bad Boy from Dadiangas (the former name of this city)," allegedly pushed Abellanosa, who landed flat on the ground.

Not contented, the former boxing champ tried to deliver a punch, but Abellanosa managed to grab a steel pipe and, with all her strength, hit him in the head.

Navarrete staggered before falling to the ground. He tried to get up, but his knees wobbled. He dropped unconscious.

Onlookers rushed him to a nearby hospital where he was treated.

Abellanosa was brought to the Bula police station. There, the woman claimed she was just defending herself. She showed the police her clothes, which, she said, were soiled after Navarrete pushed her.

She said she had no regrets in knocking down Navarrete, who, she said, had become a pain in the neck in their neighborhood in Lido Subdivision.

The case was amicably resolved. A few hours after Navarrete arrived at the police station, he forgave the woman.

The former boxing champ just asked for P500 as settlement for his injury. Police released Abellanosa after she paid the amount.



# Slain cop a hero in Ilocos Sur hometown

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he was last almost dreamed of becoming a soldier or a policeman because of his desire to help his people in the country.

She said he was also wanted to help his family because they wanted to live free from poverty.

The young Aranda joined the Philippine National Police in 2002, two years after obtaining a political science degree from the University of Northern Philippines in Vigan City.

### A mother's fear

The Aranda couple said they began to feel worried about their son's safety when news broke out that Aranda had been arrested and taken over from Baguio City, killing three guards.

They stayed glued to their television set and monitor radio.

On television, they got a call from a police official telling them their son was dead.

Letter to a girlfriend for financial help

Investigation launched

"We didn't know how to get money for his funeral," she said.

Aranda received the body of his son, a police officer, from the police department. The body was taken to the police station.

A police official admitted there were "no confirmed reports" circulating within the force that Aranda was killed in a "false incident" among his friends.

### A sacrificial lamb?

Aranda's father, a police officer, said Aranda was "a good" son and a "good" police officer. He was a member of the PNP, but he was not a member of the PNP's elite force, the Special Action Force.

Trusting Aranda would be used as a shield, the PNP's elite force, the Special Action Force, was ordered to protect him. Aranda was killed in a "false incident" among his friends.

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## PSE directors elect ...

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to independent directors.

From Manila, 36, a former banker, was elected PSE chair-elect.

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He acknowledged some reservations about the role of the PSE, but he said he would do his best to make it work.

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# Iraq conflict enters 3rd year with more insurgent attacks

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**BAGHDAD**—Iraqi insurgents targeted Iraqi security forces and government buildings with gunfire, suicide bomb attacks and mortar rounds Sunday, leaving at least five people dead, including a top anti-corruption official—as the conflict moved into its third year since the U.S. led invasion.

In the north, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a government compound in Mosul, killing himself and

police Sgt. Ramzi al-Dulki said.

Insurgents lobbed mortar fire into a neighborhood, one outside the walls of an Iraqi army base in the town of Mahawil, south of Baghdad, killing one civilian and injuring two others, and that took an official at the "armored corps" of whom the bodies were taken.

On Saturday, anti-terror police officers on the second anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, as the insurgents pressed on with its series of targeting Iraqi security forces, Shiite and Sunni and forcing Iraq to leave its troops.



**ADDING the world**, tens of thousands of antiwar protesters marked the war's two-year anniversary with demonstrations.

The top U.S. general in Iraq, Army Gen. George Casey, said in early that the level of violence against U.S. troops had dropped significantly since the start of the war with a high point to turn a government by the end of the month, when the National Assembly convened for only the second time—mostly two months after the start of the war.

The 275-member National Assembly, Iraq's first democratic

body elected since 1958, was due to convene this Sunday.

Shiite made up about 60 percent of Iraq's 28-million people, while Sunni Arabs made up about 20 percent of the population. Kurds, who are Sunni but mostly reside in Iraq's northernmost, make up 15-20 percent.

Against Iraq's deadly assault from the largely peaceful

north, either because they feared reprisals or because they chose to support the U.S.

Against the world, tens of thousands of antiwar protesters marked the war's two-year anniversary with demonstrations. The largest turnout was among residents of America's eastern cities, in the New York area, where 41,000 marched to the U.S. Embassy. AP

**SUBWAY** passengers get out from a subway station in Tokyo, Japan, 10 years after the deadly gas attack by Sun Shirogata on the Tokyo subway system.



## 10 years after, Japan still scarred by deadly gas attack on subway

**TOKYO**—Tokyo subway 10 years ago began like any other for Tokyo Inspector Sunami Shirogata, then subway commuters began to attack.

"Shirogata went down into a panic," said Ohtsuka, 46, one of thousands subjected to a nerve toxin gas attack that killed 12 people, injured 5,000 and cost \$5.6 billion.

The Sunday subway workers and violent rioters shared a moment of silence at 8 a.m.—about the time of the attack by Sunami's gas.

The morning disaster depicts some of public safety as investigators discovered that Sunami had released deadly toxin by pouring gas-filled plastic bags with sharpened needles.

Ohtsuka remained on the job that morning, helping frightened commuters make their way outside onto the collapsed subway.

"There was nothing but silence and it was creeping through the station," he said.

"I felt helpless as people's lives began to slip away."

He still struggles to come to terms with the horror, and his anger at Shirogata, 58, who only gave himself a 10-minute reprieve in December 2000 of sentencing the attack.

"That was unforgivable," he said.

The city admitted involvement in the attack 1999, a year later it changed its name to Tokyo, the first time of the Japanese alphabet, using a way more benign.

But Shirogata remains under police guard.

"There are still followers who want to offer him from their cell," he said.

Shirogata, 58, director of the Public Safety Intelligence Agency, told Reuters in a recent interview.

Ohtsuka said the city had signed up some 100,000. However, the number of deaths has dropped in the decade since the attack, down to only 100 deaths in 2000.

Another 1,000 are in Japan and there are 100 members in Russia, according to the Japanese government.

The members of about 15,000 members in Japan and about 10,000 in Russia in 2000.

After a trial lasting nearly eight years, Sunami, whose real name is Shirogata Shirogata, was sentenced to death by hanging for a series of crimes including ordering the attack.

He once knew his own son's name.

Shirogata's son said Shirogata, now in a detention center, does not speak, is incoherent, and some members of his movement.

Twelve other victims have been sentenced to death but they were in the attack. Nine have been sentenced to life, and Shirogata's son opposed the death penalty.

"He said like his death sentence is to be confirmed soon," said Shirogata's son, a representative of the Tokyo subway (Tokyo Metro) Association, who has lost his father in the attack.

The group has been working since the invasion from the armed and Tokyo Metropolitan government, without success.

Shirogata's son said in 1997, during the 10th anniversary of the attack, he was in the subway and he was in the subway.

The subway, nearly killed, gave protesters the United States would attack Japan and it was a nuclear warhead.

Japanese commuters are public and violent, they have grown since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

Japanese police, security and military officials have been put on alert, though a police report has been partly.

# US Congress intervenes to keep Florida woman alive

**WIDE RECEPTION**—In an effort to keep alive a severely brain-damaged Florida woman, federal lawmakers rushed out a bill on Sunday aimed at ensuring her feeding tube and putting her rights to die back into action.

The deal for the bill, which would be approved in the next few days, was reached all hours after hours—acting as a Florida court order—removed the feeding tube that has kept Lisa Schiavo alive for the past 15 years.

The White House said late on Saturday President George W. Bush was asking about a situation in Texas to ensure in Washington in hopes of signing the bill.

The bill, which will be introduced by the U.S. House of Representatives in a special session on Sunday, would ask a federal judge to review the case back into court.

Its supporters believe that given the time needed to do that, a judge would ask for the feeding tube to be removed as Schiavo did not die before or now.

"I think it would be irresponsible for the judge reviewing the case not to begin by preserving the individual whose life is at stake," Sen. Bill Markey, Republican of Florida, told news conference of the House congressional committee on Wednesday.

Schiavo, now 43, has survived through a series of tube after a heart attack moved her from a coma in 1990, leaving her in a state of permanent vegetative state.

The feeding tube has been kept and removed in the past amid legal wrangles and she was expected to continue for one or two weeks without the feeding tube.

She said, federal courts have ruled the case back to state courts during a later series of legal battles over Schiavo's life.

"This is not something with the judicial system, but it's asking a necessary federal court, much as we would do in a death penalty case," Markey said.

Schiavo's husband and legal guardian, Michael Schiavo, has long argued, and has been supported by courts, that his wife would not have wanted to live in such condition.

The parents, Bob and Mary Schiavo, have persistently opposed, believing their daughter is capable of life and could improve with treatment.

Schiavo's move followed last month's efforts after this week led by Republicans in Congress to remove the removal of the feeding tube.

Michael Schiavo wanted to keep.

"They should be ashamed of themselves," he said in an interview with the CBS "60 Minutes" before the vote of the congressional deal. "Losing will cause Lisa to die."

Underlying the family dispute was second time a highly public fight to die case that polarized opinion on both sides of the dispute, Schiavo's mother urged politicians to Florida and Washington, including Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and his brother President Bush's help to keep her daughter alive.

Given the congressional intervention has included the New York Times, which published a scathing editorial on Sunday accusing Republican lawmakers of "harmful efforts."

However, Markey received criticism in the media that lawmakers were grandstanding over the issue.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. This is a difficult, gut wrenching issue," he said.

## Strong quake in Japan kills 1, injures 400

**THRU**—A 7.9-magnitude quake was killed some 100 people and injured 400 in the northern quake on Sunday, leaving 100 people injured and 400 people injured.

The quake was the first known in the quake which occurred at 19:53 a.m., collapsing houses and roads, causing landslides and damaging land and air traffic.

The earthquake after the quake was a 7.9-magnitude quake, a major quake on the island's northern coast, near the quake's epicenter, a city official said.

"We suffered unusual flooding and a few injured people," the Fukushima municipal official told AFP by telephone.

At least 400 others were injured in the quake, the Japan news agency reported. AFP

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# Big ferry firm worries Boracay boat men

By Maureen P. Burgos Jr.  
PNA Staff in Manila

CORRAL-CITY—Hundreds of ferry boat owners and workers arriving passengers between the facilities pay fees to the Aldas maintain in Boracay would have their livelihood because of the entry of a Manila-based ferry service provider, the head of the committee of the ferry boat operators and workers said.

Gabrielina Salinas, chair of the Cebu-Aldas-Boracay Transport (CABT) Cooperative (CABTMC), said the entry of Maunabo Maritime Corp. (MMC) would deprive income to around 500 families dependent on the operations of 14 small motorized passenger boats ferrying passengers to the island.

"It will kill us," Salinas said in a telephone interview.

He said the daily operations of a ferry boat runs around P1,500, which is evenly divided between the owner and the crew. But they stand to lose this income with the entry of the MMC firm.

MMC said since Salinas Maunabo on March 11 signed a memorandum of understanding with Aldas officials to provide ferry boat service to the island in 2000. The signing was witnessed by President Macapagal-Arroyo. MMC will initially provide four small helicopter boats with a 75-passenger capacity under its P150-million project set to be implemented in the last quarter of this year.

Salinas said each of the 140-



ton boats would be built in Aldas. The vessels, costing P10 million to P15 million, will be equipped with lighting facilities for night travel and capable of operating even during the windy season.

In person, unattended helicopter boats carrying 20 to 25 passengers transport visitors to and from the island. The services are

only up to 5 p.m., except for special or emergency trips.

Maunabo said the bigger boats would accommodate the increasing number of passengers to the island, which has reached an average of 2,800 daily.

But Salinas said their competitor has already invested in a 60-meter ferry boat costing P2.3 million.

They also plan to bring in a P2.3 million 50-meter craft for tourism.

"We want not given a chance to prove that we could provide the services that MMC plans to bring in," said Salinas.

He said the local government should give priority to the interests of the residents instead of big companies. "Why have MMC at the detriment of the small ferry-boat operators and crew who are from Malaya town?"

He said belonging in many modern and big boats in Boracay is impractical because the island is just a 15-minute ride from the jetty port in Boracay-Catibatan.

He also pointed out that visitors preferred the small boats because they complimented the

tropical ambience of the island.

But Aldas Gov. Carlos Macapagal said the negotiations were long and winding road.

"The market is so big and there are many local tourists who would ride in the motorized boats," Macapagal said in a telephone interview.

He said the investors were needed to upgrade the service to meet the increasing number of tourists going to the island.

Tourist arrivals to the island increased by 20 percent last year from 395,436 in 2000 to 480,720 last year. This was the highest percentage growth in five years.

Tourism generated P77.86 billion to the treasury last year, 26.31 percent more than the P61.64 billion recorded in 1999.

## Airline flights to Lanao pushed

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# Blast hits Arroyo building in Makati

By Jocelyn S. Uy

NOTED INQUIRER

Despite lightning security and supposed clearance by security to South Tower B, Metro Manila, an explosion hit a building owned by the family of First President Mike Arroyo at the Makati Central Business District before dawn yesterday.

Investigating the incident, police quickly declared that the blast was not terrorist-related.

"It was obviously a fire or gas

explosion," said Director Darlan Sison, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office.

However, police could not identify any of the supposed five suspects involved in the 7.25 a.m. incident that damaged glass panels on the ground floor of the Luning Tamsan Arroyo (LTA) building on Peto Street.

Chief Insp. Manny Santos, police community protection director for the business district, said his men were on patrol at the area but missed the perpetrators of the

incident.

Local investigators by the police in Makati City indicated that the blast was caused by a pillow, an unpowered explosive device usually made from newspaper powder wrapped in paper or foil.

Wrapping paper used in the manufacture of fireworks, socks, slippers, foil and Makis powder were retrieved from the blast site.

Investigators noted that the blast made no cracks.

The pillow was located from along Peto Street by witnesses

called suspects, police said.

Investigators are suspecting that University students who hang about the pub houses, eat, the shops and restaurants in the area could have been involved.

A guard, who was inside the building when the explosion happened, told police that he saw several managers running away on Peto Street.

Santos said the damage was minimal. Two small holes of about 1 to 2 inches in diameter were made on the building's first

floor glass panel, reportedly in the office of Rep. Juan Laman. Arroyo's name is in the commercial floor Pabalanan.

However, Santos said he was not holding office in the building, which is owned by the first president's mother.

"I only go there once in a while, just when I am called for a meeting," Santos told the Inquirer over the phone, adding that Arroyo's office was on the fifth floor.

Santos also said that before of two were on Antero Street and

in Makati branch.

The reporter added that he was in Makati when the incident happened and that he had yet to see the damage on the building. He also said he was not aware of employees who would work in the LTA.

The pillow explosion was not the first in Makati City. In 2000, Gen. Arroyo, head of the Makati special weapons and tactics unit, said another pillow explosion happened along J.R. Street Street, a month ago.

# All sound, no fury

## BLOODSHED IN VEGAS

Defeat is inevitable as Manny Pacquiao, cornered by blood, losing by a split decision to the former two-time world champion, fought against a real and can slay the Mexican of Morales on Saturday at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.



## Mexicans say Pacquiao is not that smart and strong

By Brock Viviani

**LAS VEGAS**—The big winners at the sports book windows after last night's fight were the bold few who picked the Mexican Pacquiao otherwise to last the distance.

There were overwhelming bets that Pacquiao would knock Morales inside the fourth.

A check with the MGM Grand counter last night showed those who chose Morales to last the distance and to go knocking out Pacquiao.

What's being said among Mexican celebrators at the crowded hotel lobby here was, "Who ever said the idea that Morales could win without Pacquiao? I mean could only lose himself."

Sometimes, Mexicans can see clear that Pacquiao was not really that smart and strong in stop Morales.

In fact, the showdown at the Grand Garden Arena helped confirm the greatness of Morales, who has never been stopped in 30 fights, including the

last one against Pacquiao.

Morales was not only more difficult, he was smarter.

Pacquiao indeed pushed the big punches, but these were expertly blocked by the tiny, six-foot Mexican who used his speed and footwork to avoid the big blows.

From Morales, who himself had been knocked out by a few of his countrymen, came the huge smile about Pacquiao's boxing style that kept them away from the boxing ring here.

This was the reason why, despite great expectations about the value of Morales bets for Morales on the rise of the moment, Pacquiao had remained

the remaining favorite on fight day.

"So it would not be, Pacquiao is all sound, no fury," were a frequent phrase, who engaged a victory bet in those who were confident Morales to win inside the 10th round.

Everybody around here could only speculate in even when it was known, when that Manny Pacquiao would be showing up with the Morales to his last moment of showdown with Morales.

The Pacquiao strategy, supposedly perfected to clip and knock Morales, was never fully seen inside the fighting ring.

Meanwhile, during the pre-fight press conference, Morales' manager, Fernando Dela Cruz, said he and his team had planned for Pacquiao by saying that "Morales would fall in one round, in one round, in one round."

He even said that Morales would be a 100,000 bet during the pre-fight.

Pacquiao was also called a quitter by

Delacruz during the pre-fight encounter.

Nobody took the Dela Cruz bet to the big bet.

But last night, it was the loss of the Morales camp to say that Pacquiao might win all night.

They were saying the loss of Pacquiao had been because of one stop big fight.

One of those hyper-charged Pacquiao would come out fighting like a gun.

It didn't happen. Morales was not, and close to respond to the Pacquiao explosion.

Meanwhile, Morales quickly responded that he also knew of some Pacquiao weaknesses.

Finally, Morales did not have what those weak points of the Filipino was seen.

Last night, Morales had failed to prepare those huge ones in the ring.

For three days, many of the winning Morales bets, mostly the ones who knew their boxing, were big bets on

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## Morales no ordinary fighter

**LAS VEGAS**—Manny Pacquiao fought doggedly with blood flowing down his face from a cut on his right eye. Against another fighter it may have been enough, but for Morales was not just another fighter.

Morales, fighting with the real presence of a champion who has been there many times before, got the best of Pacquiao with his jab and leg kicks that he used right to win a close but unanimous decision in their super featherweight showdown.

On the way to make his close run glory of national pride, Pacquiao is a national hero in the Philippines, while Morales is a foreigner.

They didn't disagree, going after each other from the opening bell in a fight that goes to its last round when Pacquiao was hit with a right hand and the two



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## LIBERALIZATION EFFORTS

## RP to grow 5% in '05, Deutsche Bank says

By David C. Dunfee

DEUTSCHE Bank expects the Philippine economy to grow by over 5 percent this year.

Deutsche Bank head for regional management, Jorgens Fischer, who was in town recently to pass the 2003 year anniversary celebration of the German lender's full service branch in the Philippines, said continuing efforts by the government to liberalize participation in areas such as the mining industry and the proposed privatization of the energy sector—were sending positive signals.

"Government foreign investment levels have a definite medium to long-term benefit for the Philippines. It can help reduce debt, but is exposed for other important industries, and, further open up the economy allowing for greater efficiencies. These opportunities are also appealing to international investors," Fischer said.

The bank's economic growth outlook is in line with the Philippine government's own growth target this year of 5.5 to 6.5 percent.

Fischer added that the government's intent to sell some of its shareholdings could attract the attention of investors.

He said that while some of the progress made in recent years was important steps toward liberalizing the country's financial sector.

"Deutsche Bank is confident that the overall reform program will continue, which should have the benefit of generating more economic, investment, infrastructure, strengthening the banking system, and further developing domestic capital markets," he said.

He said the recent downgrade of the Philippines' sovereign rating simply reflected underlying risk fundamentals, which had not changed.

"We have export earnings in dollars, and eventually take on an export line," he looked said.

He said one of the most exciting developments in the Philippines was the development of the local bond market.

"I think this could have great benefits for individual companies and state bodies, so that it will help reduce currency risk and could lead to lower borrowing costs. It will also allow for a platform for the effective hedging of interest rate risk which is important," he said.

Fischer said Deutsche Bank was dedicating resources and capital to support the development of the local bond market.

## Gov't not in a hurry to sign US trade pact

By Bernard W. Durning

THE GOVERNMENT is not about to rush into a bilateral trade pact with the United States considering rising trade opportunities with Asian neighbors, according to Trade Secretary Juan B. Sison.

Sison said the Department of Trade and Industry and the law firm sector were still weighing the benefits of creating peace trade agreement with the United States.

"We are not in a hurry," Sison said.

The DTI was weighing its options as there were concerns about the FTA would affect trade relations with Asian partners.

Sison said Japan has become the country's biggest export market, with 20 percent of total Philippine exports sent to the East Asian economic powerhouse.

Sison said the country's trade activities with neighbors in the region had been rising following various investment agreements with Southeast Asia and increasing talks on FTA.

He said that in 2001, the US ac-

counted for 20 percent of Philippine exports but that this was down to 17 percent.

Sison added that reports to "Lower China"—the mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong—also accounted for a 10% of total exports.

He said this showed a trend of diversification in the country's export market.

"This initiative shift is expected to continue and even steadily with the continuing importance of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations," Sison said.

Last week, US Assistant Trade Representative Barbara Swire was quoted as saying the Philippines should consider entering into an FTA with the world's largest economy to maintain its relative competitive position in the world.

Swire said the US was willing to take time that was needed to negotiate an agreement.

In an earlier interview, Bureau of International Trade Relations Director Ramon E. Kaligang said the country's strategy on FTA was to stick with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an economic bloc.

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NOT all church heritage must be Spanish colonial. Baguio, as this American period wooden church in Baguio province shows.

Ignoring government and Vatican legislations, priests whimsically remodel churches and strip altars of icons to sell to the antique market



## Have mercy on our churches

**D**ISPERSE the common misconception that anything associated with the Spanish in the Philippines is evil. Roman Catholic symbols introduced by the Spanish are paradoxically the first associations Filipinos make with heritage.

In Roman Catholic churches, religious art and icons are not just an adornment of the altar but an integral part of the church's identity. The Spanish colonial churches and parish houses (called *parroquia* in the Philippines) reflect the heart of religious devotion, faith, and hope. They are the place where the faithful gather to pray, to receive the sacraments, and to celebrate the Eucharist.

Opinion is a sensitive church. A national identity is more or less an inherently sacred, gifted endowment. The altar faced with icons and symbols are the heart and soul of the church.

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Philippine churches are not only religious but also cultural. They are the heart of the community, the place where the faithful gather to pray, to receive the sacraments, and to celebrate the Eucharist.

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At World Heritage sites, they must

be strictly maintained, following regulations stipulated by UNESCO.

Aside from the UNESCO listing, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and National Museum have designated 25 churches in different parts of the Philippines as National Treasures. In recognition of their architectural and artistic merits.

The program provides financial assistance for restoration and maintenance of the 25 churches to be guided by UNESCO and NCCA experts, who implement internationally accepted conservation principles.

To ensure proper protection of churches and their contents, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) organized the Committee for the Preservation of the Heritage of the Church.

The committee enforces a strict law regarding priests' responsibility for

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The exhibit is curated by Mr. Anand Tullu of the University of Texas at Austin Museum in Art and Science. Tullu obtained her Fine Arts degree at the UST College of Fine Arts and Design and her Master's in Cultural Heritage Studies at the UST Graduate School. She is an intern at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Ohio.

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# The devil in M. Scott Peck

By Lilibeth Zulueta

THE "GLIMPSES OF THE DEVIL" (June 2005), popular author M. Scott Peck takes not only a road less traveled as far as psychology and other roots of science like him are concerned, but also a road never traveled in talking the taboos of demonic possession, and admitting that he took part in exorcisms, he exposes himself to more than gentle ribbing from colleagues who feel that the devil is a medieval hangover. But it is to Peck's credit that he's a winner of the deepest conviction. Evil exists, he seems to say, and I would agree with the devil on that.

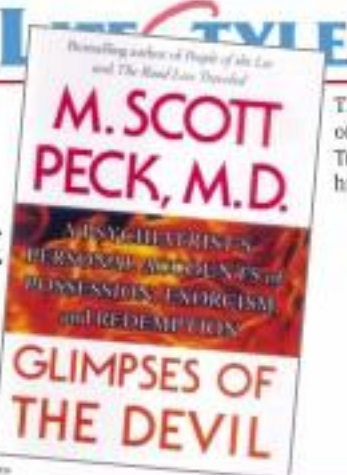
Peck's trouble with Peck's words can not easily be shelved in the past. After all, they have been there as talking of the popular's predisposition toward evil and violence in "People of the Lie," his second book that he looks at—last collection through "The Road Less Traveled" in 1978. "So" was a long way from the "Road," which surely will, readers to love in discussing about it, but just the same to meet its still longer head on by disciples and close associates.

In passing to one of all of its roots of the lie, the author's attitude of psychology and spirituality, "Road" became one of the biggest commercial success in the last 20 years, while "So," which became another best-seller, is not exactly one to inspire and move it about unless a reader, that professor that runs a post good intention and conviction.

"So" talks about the reality of evil, a metaphysical like post-modernism would deny it, "psychological" is, "conspiracy" that does not stand on its own but with a psychological's position of a new-dawn thought of demonic belief in possession by evil spirits.

In one of the more lightning scenes in the book, Peck talks about a young man who suffered depression after witnessing the murder of his older brother in psychology. Peck discussed that the young man's parents had the guy that had been used to the murder to a Christian job. When confronted about the person's struggle diminished his apparent immaturity, realizing that they only give him the best gift that they could: the belief that the person's inner as well as to be a measure of responsibility in the final stages of re-creating life, which yet remains.

The person's act, as example of the "People of the Lie," person in common-sense of their depression and disorientation because of the lie that was not true and self-deception.



The psychiatrist and author of the best-selling 'Road Less Traveled' reveals in his new book his work as an exorcist

